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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

I, MARK DANIEL GORMAN, depose and say that:

(1) I, along with Irene Spitsberg, Venkat Subramanian Venkataramani, Brett Allen Boutwell, and Robert William Bruce, are joint inventors of the subject matter covered by the claims pending in the above-identified patent application ("Application").

(2) I have been informed that claims 1, 2, 6-12, 16-18, 20-25, and 28 of the Application are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as claiming subject matter disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,982,126 to Darolia et al. ("Darolia"), for which Irene Spitsberg, Venkat Subramanian Venkataramani,